



SLO Connections

FEBRUARY 2017

Youth Keystone Club Members Showcase Leadership Skills and Learn About Money Management

Base teenagers participating in the Keystone Club at the Prairies Youth Center again had opportunities to show off their leadership skills while interfacing with law enforcement officials from Dayton Police Department on February 10. While bowling and enjoying pizza, approximately 15 youth talked with officers about various issues that present challenges for them. The officers, in turn, talked to the youngsters about some of the difficulties they face when interacting with young people, and shared strategies on how to best resolve issues teenagers may face. According to Joel McKeever, Youth Program Advisor for the Prairie's Youth Center, this event was a follow up to the National Keystone Project held in December that also focused on teens and law enforcement.

The Keystone Club initiative is a Boys & Girls Club of America's premiere teen character and citizenship program. Keystone Clubs are service and leadership clubs for teens that provides opportunities for young people to participate in activities in four focus areas: community service, academic success, career preparation and teen outreach. As members of a Keystone Club, teenagers are introduced to unique leadership development experiences. With guidance of adult advisors, young people ages 14 to 18 learn how to positively impact other club members and support other community initiatives.

Another fun and educational event occurred February 18 at the Prairies Youth Center, as 18 youngsters learned about money management from the Dayton Better Business Bureau while playing money bingo. Youth participants learned about debt, investments, budgeting, and managing credit.





Wright-Patt Hosts Hearts Together Holiday Party

A Hearts Together Valentine's Day Party was held February 4 for deployed, Exceptional Family Member Program and Wounded Warriors members and their families. The event, hosted by the base's Airman and Family Readiness Center, is part of an initiative to help families meet, socialize and hopefully develop friendships to help sustain them through challenging situations.

MSgt. Christine Dodson, who serves as Wright-Patterson's Family Readiness Senior Non-Commissioned Officer provided photo frames and captured photos of children so they could send snapshots to their deployed or long distance family members. Tavonne Bridges, Wright-Patt's Exceptional Family Member Coordinator, also helped to plan and coordinate the event. She said that more than 68 attendees watched a Charlie Brown Valentine movie, while enjoying Valentine's Day themed snacks and desserts donated by Airman and Family Member staff and a Key Spouse. Both Sergeant Dodson and Mrs Bridges said this was another great event, as it helped military families get together and have fun while making connections within their community.



Informational websites that might be helpful:

- Wright-Patt School Liaison Office web site
www.wpafb.af.mil/units/ids/index.asp
- MilitaryHomefront web site
<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>
- Federal Impact Aid Program web site
www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid

- Interstate Compact web site
www.mic3.net
- Airman and Family Readiness Center web site
www.wpafb.af.mil.afrc/index.asp
- Values For A Lifetime web site
www.valuesforalifetime.com
- School Liaison Officer Website
www.wpafb.af.mil/units/ids/index.asp

MISSION STATEMENT

The Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Program's mission is to identify, select and support up to 500 Montgomery County, poverty impacted, eighth grade students within the next 10 years that have shown academic promise so that the dream of attending and graduating from college becomes a reality.

"With Education All Things Are Possible"

WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE TO BE A MENTOR

Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Program mentors meet weekly with their mentee at the student's high school. The mentoring session lasts between 30 and 50 minutes and takes place during school hours. The day of the week and the specific time are arranged between the mentor and the mentee depending on their individual schedules and classes.

College Promise Program mentors will receive orientation and training that will provide them with the necessary tools for being successful in this endeavor.

College Promise mentors will also take part in a criminal background check that will ensure that each and every mentor meets a high standard of good citizenship and protects the interest of the mentee and their family, their school and the College Promise Program.

LEARN MORE

Individuals interested in being considered as a College Promise Program mentor should fill out an application which can be found on line at www.mcocp.org or can be requested from the College Promise Program office located at 40 N. Main Street, Suite 500, Dayton, Ohio 45423 Phone 937-225-9922 or 937-225-9957 Fax 937-222-0636

*"You can't change everything all at once.
You make change one person at time"*

—Fred Smith



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MENTORING



THE COLLEGE PROMISE COMMITMENT

The College Promise Program will provide a life changing opportunity for up to 500 Montgomery County students over a 10 year period. These students, whose lives have been impacted by poverty, will be identified and



selected during their 8th grade year. Each student will be supported through high school by a caring adult mentor who will meet with them weekly for 30 to 50 minutes at their school and through programming offered by the College Promise

Program and our partners.

The selected students, upon the successful completion of high school and the meeting of the entrance requirements of our college and university partners, will be awarded scholarships that allow them to attend college at little to no cost to them or their families.

THE COLLEGE PROMISE IMPACT

By breaking the cycle of poverty for up to 500 Montgomery County Students the College Promise Program will have a profound impact in not only their quality of life but also in the quality of life of each of our communities. By attaining their college education at a local college/university, College Promise students will be attractive for Montgomery County Employers which will retain our investment right here at home.

"If we are going to make any dent in poverty in America, we have to help more students get a postsecondary degree"

—Melinda French Gates

VOLUNTEER TO BE A MENTOR



Nothing is more rewarding than making a difference in the life of a child. A mentor can have a profound effect on the amount of success a child might have. A mentor is a caring adult who freely gives their own time to a young child. A mentor guarantees to a child that there is someone who cares and that they are not alone in dealing with the every day challenges they face.

Mentors provide a sounding board; an opportunity to talk and be heard; emotional support; encouragement to be more involved at school or in the community; guidance; friendship; support; and most of all a positive role model.

Mentors provide sound advice and accurate information on issues ranging from school work to family and peer relations.

"A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could"

—Unknown

Mentors Help Keep Students in School

Students with the highest risk of dropping out benefited the most from a mentor. (Jikielek et al 2002)

Students who meet regularly with their mentors are 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip a class. (Public/Private Ventures Study of Big Brothers/Big Sisters)

Mentors Provide Support for Students Trying New Behaviors

Youth who meet regularly with their mentors are 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking. (Public/Private Ventures Study of Big Brothers/Big Sisters)

Mentors Can Help with Homework Questions Leading to Improved Academic Skills

59% of mentored youth improve their grades. (Career Beginnings)

86% of mentored youth go on to higher education. (Proctor and Gamble)

"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction"

— John Crosby



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 2017



Events Up Next@PYC

PI Day Celebration Tuesday 14 March-Celebrate the never-ending number 3.14159 . . . and Einstein's birthday. Participate in pi-related activities, trivia and have a piece of pie.

Kick Butts Day – March 15 @ 3:30 pm Bldg 6933 Gym -Youth Anti-Smoking Initiatives to educate and empower youth to speak up and take action against tobacco use by making an informed healthy choice not to smoke. Local health related agencies will provide hands-on experiences and information.

Torch St Patrick's Day Party Friday 17 March 6-8 pm Members & Guest Welcome! Game, Challenges, Irish Dance Demo, Refreshment and Fun, Green is the color!

National Boys & Girls Club Week Celebration 27-31 March Open the Door! Take the Tour **PYC Open House Monday – Friday 230 until Close**– Stop and check what we have to offer and get 2 Free Guest Passes,

Family Fun Nite "FFN" Friday 24 March @ 6 -8 Members & Guest Welcome! Game, Challenges,, Refreshment and Fun, Youth Recognition and more.

Young Writers Project

Young Writers Essay Contest " Women In History That Dared to be Bold" Write one page essay on the above topic and submit it to the Youth Center Staff by Friday 24 March. Winners will be announced @ FFN on Friday 24 March at 6 pm. Good luck and be creative!!!

Just 4Teens Programs

Keystone Club/Wright-Pat Air Force Teen Council Thursday@5pm

"Get inspired, Make a difference, Join the Teen Movement!"

(AFTC) is a network of teens working to resolve issues and voice teen concerns to the highest levels of AF leadership on behalf of teens locally and worldwide. Want to know more? ***Join the Teen Movement@WPAFB***

#WeOwnFriday" The Event" Present by Keystone Club/AFTC

Operation Megaphone (OMP) 2017 Teen Lock-N Fri –Sat 28-29 April 7 pm-7 am Member \$25 Non-members \$30 (With the donation of gently used pair of jeans and packages of socks you get \$10 off.)

Operation Megaphone 2017! JSTC presents the largest gather of military teen! This worldwide event designed to connect military teens from around the world to discuss key issues that affect military teens, promote communication across all military services, and provide opportunities for teens to give back to their communities. Social media base to base challenges, Games, movies, All Nite Fun and more! Limited Slot



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA



Wright-Patt Youth Programs

Great Futures Start Here!

Hours of Operation:

Mon - Thur 2:30 - 7pm
Fri 2:30 - 8pm Sat Closed

CALL 904-4700

All youth must fill out a Youth Center membership packet to receive a membership card and gain access to the facility. Call for current fees. Bldg. 234, 641 Chapel Lane, next to the Self-Help Store

Celebrating National Boys and Girls Club of America Week, March 7-12

During the Prairies Youth Center Open House, Monday - Friday 2:30pm until Close. Stop in and check out what we have to offer and get 2 Free Guest Passes

Young Writers Essay Contest

"Women In History That Dared to be Bold"

Write one page essay on this topic and submit it to the Youth Center Staff. Winners announced at Family Fun Night on March 24 at 6pm.

Family Fun Night, March 24 & April 14 between 6-8pm

Members & Guest Welcome! Lots of games, challenges, door prizes, refreshments and fun.

Youth Egg Scramble, April 14 @ 5pm

Twist on an traditional Easter Egg Hunt with lots of candy and Fun! Ages 5-16

"Project Spoken Words" Poetry Challenge

In recognition of National Poetry Month in April, we will have a challenge to youth to write and submit their own original poetry by April 14. Reading and Recognition of our poets at Family Fun Night on April 14 at 6pm.

Month of the Military Child

Young Writers Essay Contest *"The Military Child, We Serve Too!"* Write one page essay on this topic and submit it to the Youth Center Staff. Winners announced at Family Fun Night on April 14 at 6pm.

Just 4 Teens Programs

Operation Megaphone 2017 Teen Lock-N

On April 28-29 at Prairie Youth Center, Joint Services Teen Council presents the largest gathering of military teens! This worldwide event connects teens to discuss key issues, promote communication and provide opportunities for teens to give back to their communities. Social media Base to Base challenges, games, movies. Limited slots. Donate gently used jeans and packages of socks to receive \$10 admission discount. Members: \$25 Non-members: \$30

School Age Care Program

Spring Break Session runs March 27 through April 24. Fees are Total Family Income Based.

Summer Camp registration begins March 15 and Summer Camp begins May 30.

Sports Information

Baseball - Registration Going on Now! Cost is \$55. Season starts in May.

Spring Soccer - Register until March 3. Cost is \$55

Interested in Coaching Youth Sports! Pick-up Coaches Package now! We can email you the registrations - Call Youth Sports for information at 656-8693 or email wpafb_youthsports@us.af.mil

Tae Kwon Do Classes - Tues & Thurs @5pm. Classes are held at the Prairies Child and Youth Programs Complex, Bldg 6933. Cost is \$40 monthly. For more information call 255-5053.



Supporting Military Children through School Transitions™: Social/Emotional



Supporting Military Children through School Transitions: Social/Emotional is a professional development institute focusing on the social and emotional implications of transition for the military-connected student. Topics include school support systems, looking at social/emotional implications of transition through a developmental lens, and the effects of deployment, separation, and loss.

Learning Outcomes:

- ▶ Identify school transition concerns impacting mobile military students
- ▶ Interpret data from MCEC research and institute networking that address the social and emotional aspects of school transition
- ▶ Evaluate the effects of deployment, separation, and loss
- ▶ Analyze methods to ease the challenge of transition

Register here:

www.MilitaryChild.org/training

For more information about this training, other professional development opportunities, or support, please contact:

Myriam Virella at (254) 953-1923 x 1119 or
Myriam.Virella@MilitaryChild.org

Save the Date!
**REGISTER
TODAY**

May 4 & 5, 2017

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Hope Hotel & Richard C.
Holbrooke Conference Center
10823 Chidlaw Road
Building #823, Area A, Gate 12 A
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Sponsored by:

**Air Force & Wright-Patterson School Liaison
Office**



There is no cost to participants.

*Upon completion of the training
(12 clock hours)*

*participants may apply for
continuing education credits for a
fee of \$25.00. CE credit applications
must be received within 12 months
from the completion of the training.*

*For additional information visit:
[www.MilitaryChild.org/
professionals/programs/continuing-
education-graduate-credit](http://www.MilitaryChild.org/professionals/programs/continuing-education-graduate-credit)*



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Greater Dayton Chapter 2017 Scholarship Application Now Available!

The Greater Dayton Chapter of Blacks in Government is pleased to announce that our 2017 scholarship applications is now available. Interested students can access the online application and instructions at:

<http://www.bignet.org/greater.dayton/index.htm>

Since 2009, the Chapter has granted \$1000 scholarships to more than 20 deserving students in the greater Dayton area. The scholarships are in two different categories.

1. The Greater Dayton Chapter scholarship targets current high school seniors and recent high school graduates who graduated within the past year and plans to attend an accredited college or university full or part-time.
2. The Paul Schooler/Clessie Heath Memorial scholarship targets students currently enrolled at an accredited college or university full or part-time.

The application deadline is 11 p.m. EST on Sunday 30 July 2017.

BIG champions the pursuit of higher education and each year supports students with merit-based scholarships.



**WRIGHT-PATTERSON OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB IS
OFFERING QUALIFIED APPLICANTS**

SCHOLARSHIPS!

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 8, 2017**



REGULATIONS:

1. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 8, 2017. The WPOSC and the members of the Scholarship Committee are not responsible for lost or misdirected applications.
2. Incomplete applications, or those postmarked after the deadline, will not be accepted.
3. No WPOSC member or family member may serve as a judge on the Scholarship Selection Panel.
4. Scholarship recipients will be notified in April 2017.

Currently hold an
unweighted
cumulative GPA of
3.0 or higher.

Currently attend a
public, private, or
home school and
graduate in the 2016-
2017 academic year.

Spouses are eligible
if applying to a
degree program.

For **ELIGIBILITY**
requirements please
visit our webpage.

Questions?
<http://wrightpattersonosc.org/contact.html>

WRIGHT PATTERSON OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

Scholarship Committee
Chairperson

PO Box 67
Fairborn, OH 45324

<http://wrightpattersonosc.org/scholarships.html>

The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Education 2017 Application Package Is Now Available

The Wright-Patterson AFB Educational Fund was established in 1985 by Col. Nathan R. Rosengarten, USAF Retired, and his wife, Irma, as a means to reward academic excellence of the children and grandchildren of current WPAFB military and civilian personnel.

The Fund has been approved as a Tax Exempt Organization and has received yearly approval of the Combined Federal Campaign to receive designated employee funds via payroll deductions or lump sum funds.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1) Applicant must be a child or a grandchild of a current, full-time civilian or active-duty military employee of WPAFB. Children/grandchildren of Reservists, Contractors or Non-appropriated Fund employees are not eligible
- 2) Applicant must be a high school senior graduating in the year the application is made
- 3) Applicant must have a cumulative unweighted (4.0 scale) GPA of at least 3.50
- 4) Applicant must provide a current official transcript from the high school he/she is currently attending. If applicant attended multiple high schools, official transcripts from all previous high schools attended are required
- 5) Applicant must have a composite score (average of English, math, reading, science) of at least 27 on the ACT or a combined score (sum of critical reading, math, writing) of at least 1800 on the SAT. Composite/combined scores must be computed using a single testing date (i.e., "super scoring" is not permitted), and scores must be certified as official by the applicant's guidance counselor in Part B of this application.
- 6) Each student's application must clearly show intentions to attend a university for the purpose of receiving a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited program. Scholarships will only be awarded for use at institutions which have a Non-Discriminatory policy towards students.

Scholarships Review Process:

- 1) All applications are reviewed using a blind review process. All identifying information is removed from application packages to insure impartial review of applicants.
- 2) Awards are determined by a competitive evaluation. The basic criteria is academic achievement including grade point average, class rank relative to class size, SAT or ACT scores and nature, scope, and depth of curriculum. To a lesser degree, consideration will be given to participation and leadership positions held in school and community activities.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Application Deadline: 3 April 2017.

Application Submission: All applications must be saved in PDF format, e-mailed, and received no later than 4:00 PM, 3 April 2017.

E-mail applications to Mr. Dann Andrews, Daniel.Andrews.1@us.af.mil (ph: 937-656-3372)

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their complete application package (incl. Part A, Part B, and official transcripts) is received in PDF format via e-mail by this deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be processed.

Every Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund 2017 Scholarship Application Now Available!



The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund is pleased to announce that our 2017 scholarship application is now available. Interested Persons can access the online application and instructions at:

<https://feea.org/our-programs/scholarships/>

The application deadline is 3pm EST on Monday March 27, 2017.

Since 1986, FEEA has offered scholarships to more than 10,000 individuals, including nearly 200 scholarships to the children of federal civilian employees who died or were severely injured in the line of duty during the terrorist attacks on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the Pentagon on 9-11, and the US Embassies and Consulates in Kenya, Tanzania, and Libya.

Collectively our scholarship program to date totals over \$14 million. FEEA champions the pursuit of higher education and each year supports over 200 students with merit-based scholarships

